

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of)
HEGER et al.) BOX PCT
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International Application)
PCT/EP 99/09545)
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For: NANOPARTICULATE CORE/SHELL SYSTEMS AND THE USE THEREOF IN
PHARMACEUTICAL AND COSMETIC PREPARATIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as shown in the attached sheet.

R E M A R K S

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to put them in better form for U.S. filing. No new matter is included. A clean copy of the claims is attached.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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